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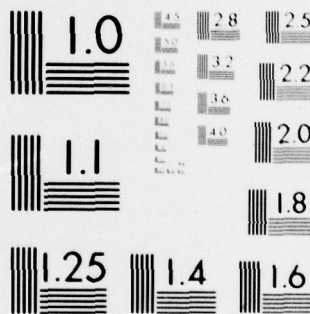
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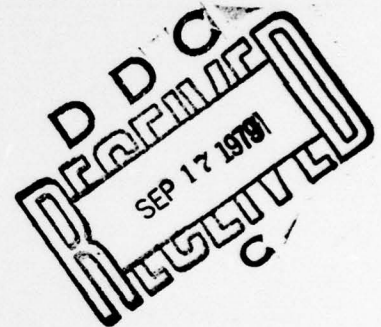
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## A. INTRODUCTION

This is the final report for AFOSR Grant 75-2770. This program was jointly supported by AFOSR and ARO. In doing this work, we attempted to maintain a balance between a) research that might be classified as essentially pure (in scientific areas, however, which are related to DoD missions) and b) similar problems which involve atomic and molecular species that are directly involved in systems of DoD interest. As an example of the former, the entire field of ionization processes is of DoD interest, primarily because the charge balance in the atmosphere (both normal and disturbed) determines the ability of electromagnetic signals of various frequencies to propagate through it. We have done a variety of ionization studies which contribute to further understanding of these properties. An example of more directly relevant research are our measurements of the electron affinities and other negative ion properties of such species as  $O_2$ ,  $O_3$ ,  $NO_2$ ,  $OH$ ,  $NO_3$ ,  $HNO_3$ , etc.

The experiments supported under this grant were all performed via various combinations of molecular beam and laser techniques in order to more fully exploit the advantages of each.

The three main categories of experiment were:

1. Lasers were used to produce and characterize atoms in specific electronic states or molecules in specific electronic vibrational and/or rotational states. We performed two photon ionization experiments on alkali dimers and observed ionization from specific vibrational and rotational states. We also prepared  $Na(3p)$  and used it to promote the collisional ionization of  $O_2$  and  $SO_2$ . In both these experiments, energy for ionization was produced wholly or partially from photons. It is expected



that two photon ionization may be used to characterize the products of chemical reactions while electronically excited atomic states will be useful in further understanding chemical reactivity.

2. In addition, we continued our well-established program for determining the electron affinities and bond strengths for negative molecular ions. This was done with a variety of molecules including a number of important atmospheric species. Molecular beams in the electron-volt kinetic energy region were used. In this case translational motion supplied the energy for the chemi-ionization process.
3. Several examples of chemi-ionization at thermal energies, where the energy for ion productions comes from the energy released in new bond formation, were also found. These occur in the reactions of the alkali dimers with the halogens, IBr, ICl, MoF<sub>6</sub>, WF<sub>6</sub> and UF<sub>6</sub>.

All of the techniques used and systems studied have focused on the role of energy in chemical reactivity. We have examined the effect of translational, electronic and vibrational-rotational energy on the ionization as this is the simplest type of chemical change. The stability and accessibility of product states is also important for understanding chemical reactivity. Our results for electron affinities and bond strength for a variety of systems are summarized in Table 1.

## B. DISCUSSION AND RESULTS

In order that one may more fully understand the goals and scope of our program we will briefly discuss and summarize the published work. We will also attempt to provide the motivation for it and the relationship between the various areas.

### 1. Preparation of excited atoms or molecules in specific quantum states.

One of the most important goals in reaction dynamics is the theoretical prediction of probabilities of chemical reactions or other physical processes. Although macroscopic rate constants are usually determined by bulk experiments and tabulated for most practical applications, they are very difficult to compare with theory.

The job of obtaining a sufficient number of relevant rate constants and their temperature dependence so as to be useful in predicting practical situations is usually difficult. The value of microscopic rate constants has been recognized for many years. These more detailed building blocks are very useful in gaining an understanding of a variety of collision processes. However, their use is usually limited to situations where the internal states of both reagents and products can be characterized by a temperature. Even then, in order to compare such theories with experiment, it is usually necessary to compute a large number of constituent processes to obtain a rate constant. This is so because the microscopic rate constant is an average value resulting from many collisions which have a large range of initial quantum states, kinetic energies, impact parameters and mutual orientation of the molecules. It is unsatisfactory to undergo this calculational labor to obtain only two parameters, perhaps a rate constant and its temperature dependence, since it is difficult to attribute deviations to one of the specific factors and thus makes the exercise less meaningful.



Molecular beam studies have contributed to unraveling this situation, since the initial and final relative kinetic energies have been controlled and measured, respectively. Some information about the initial impact parameters has also been deduced from the angular distributions of reactive and non-reactive collisions.

Such studies have shown that, frequently, products of single collisions cannot be described by temperatures, even within a particular degree of freedom. Accordingly, it becomes appropriate to study the individual cross sections for passing from specified initial to final quantum states.

With the advent of laser technology, it is now possible, in addition to the advances mentioned above, to start reactions with molecules which have definite electronic, vibrational or rotational states, or with atoms in a definite electronic state. Likewise, the internal energy distributions of the product states may be deduced with lasers. With polarized light, inferences may be made about the relative orientation of the two species.

We have been engaged in molecular beam research for many years and in the past two years we have started to use lasers as tools for use with the beam techniques, as have others. This provides a slightly different point of view from laser workers who have found molecular beams a useful tool. The latter normally are not interested in subsequent collision studies. With either point of view, however, in addition to the virtues of molecular beams cited above, there are two additional advantages: a) if a molecular beam crosses a laser beam at right angles, the Doppler shift of frequencies becomes vanishingly small. This means that a very narrow laser frequency width can be used for excitation, so that a de-

sired frequency can be saturated; and b) there is no collisional relaxation to disturb the newly formed excited molecules.

Our initial studies on chemi-ionization induced by electronic excitation has been with Na atoms as the D states are easily reached with existing laser technology as described in the paper below:

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# NEAR-THRESHOLD IONIZATION OF EXCITED $\text{Na}(3^2\text{P})$ BY COLLISIONS WITH $\text{O}_2$ AND $\text{SO}_2$ \*

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Positive ions are produced in crossed beams of eV-range sodium atoms and thermal  $\text{O}_2$  or  $\text{SO}_2$ . Resonant laser light is used to excite a small fraction of the sodium to  $\text{Na}^*(3^2\text{P}_{1/2})$  or  $3^2\text{P}_{3/2}$ . Product ions are observed at lower reagent kinetic energies with  $\text{Na}^+$  than with Na.

The major result of these studies was that electronic excitation could be used to promote the chemi-ionization processes.

Two photon ionization of alkali molecules may also be easily studied because a) these molecules have sufficiently low-lying electronic states that they can be excited with a single photon in the convenient range of visible ~~ew~~ light obtainable from argon-ion lasers, b) their vibrational and rotational spacings are such that they can be excited exclusively to single upper state v, J levels, c) the specific transitions excited by the argon-ion laser lines for the molecules  $\text{Li}_2$  and  $\text{Na}_2$  have been identified so that this

upper state level is known, d) the number of argon-ion laser lines is sufficient that the molecules may be prepared with a wide range of vibrational and rotational energies and, consequently, the dissociation energy may be varied from maximum to almost zero, and finally, e) the same laser frequency that excites the molecules can also be used to ionize the excited state, so that the excited state population can be monitored by two-photon ionization.

We have already excited, and ionized, a few such states in  $\text{Li}_2$  and  $\text{Na}_2$  and accounts of these experiments are described in the four papers below:

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## Two-photon ionization of $\text{Na}_2$ by an $\text{Ar}^+$ laser<sup>a)</sup>

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## ISOTOPE FRACTIONATION IN TWO-STEP PHOTOIONIZATION OF $\text{Li}_2$ <sup>☆</sup>

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A cw argon-ion laser beam intersects a thermal-energy lithium-beam. Sequential two-photon ionization of  $\text{Li}_2$  is observed.  $\text{Li}_2^+$  ions are formed by most of the available laser lines. Large isotope fractionations result from this process.



## TWO-PHOTON IONIZATION OF $\text{Li}_2$ : ISOTOPIC SEPARATION AND DETERMINATION OF $\text{IP}(\text{Li}_2)$ AND $D_e(\text{Li}_2^+)^*$

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Complete isotope separation is achieved by two-photon ionization of  $\text{Li}_2$  by a single mode  $\text{Ar}^+$  laser. With the use of two  $\text{Ar}^+$  lasers, the ionization potential of  $\text{Li}_2$  is found to be  $5.174 \pm 0.013$  eV, and the dissociation energy  $D_e(\text{Li}_2^+)$  to be  $1.274 \pm 0.019$  eV.

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## Calculated transitions in $\text{Li}_2$ isotopes at argon laser frequencies

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These studies demonstrate the selectivity of laser excitations particularly for the isotopes of Li. In the future we hope to use this selectivity to probe the internal state distributions of product molecules using two-photon ionization techniques as developed and demonstrated here.

### 2. Electron affinities.

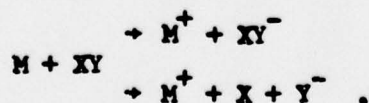
An understanding of complex chemical systems in which energy deposition and flow are important, such as in plasma, atmospheric chemistry, combustion,

flames and lasers, involves the knowledge of the energetics of ionic species as well as their reactions with neutral species. In many cases, trace impurities may in fact be a major determinant of performance.

Gaseous negative ions have received considerably less attention than have positive ions. Nevertheless, an understanding of the role negative ions play in various chemical processes is of fundamental importance a) in the formation of ions and electrons in the ionosphere (which, in turn, is intimately connected with propagation of electromagnetic radiation at communication frequencies), b) in the production of ions in flames and shocks, c) in fundamental chemical structure problems and in energetics, d) in radiation phenomena, and e) in the use of negative ions in mass spectrometry.

The electron affinities of a wide range of species are needed in order to estimate anion stabilities and map out the energy flow in these complicated systems. Theoretical calculations of the electron affinities of atoms is still considered difficult since electron correlation must be included. The electron affinity of molecular species is even more difficult to calculate exactly and only rather general empirical rules exist as a guide. For the immediate future, direct measurement of the electron affinity is the only course.

In 1969, two papers were published, almost simultaneously, which presented experimental results on processes of the type



where M is an alkali atom and XY may be diatomic or polyatomic. One of these measurements was performed at the FOM Laboratory in Amsterdam,



the other was done by E. W. Rothe in collaboration with Dr. R. K. B. Helbing. These two groups have continued with similar work, and other laboratories have now entered this field. In these experiments, interest is generally focused upon the XY molecules rather than upon the alkali atom. The appeal of these reactions lies in at least two areas, both of which were studied here, and which we plan to continued to study.

The first area is the determination of molecular properties. These reactions have energy-thresholds which lie where the molecular energies predict; i.e., the products do not contain excess kinetic or internal energy, in contrast to behavior frequently observed with photon or electron impact. Accordingly, this approach may be used to measure such molecular parameters as bond energies in neutrals or in negative ions, and to measure electron affinities in atoms, molecules and radicals. This laboratory has been active in developing the relatively complex experiments and computer codes that are required to obtain very precise energies. The particular methods are described in the reports and publications:

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## **Ionizing collisions of cesium with $\text{Cl}_2$ , $\text{Br}_2$ , and $\text{I}_2$**

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A crossed molecular beam apparatus is used to study ionizing collisions of energetic cesium atoms with  $\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{Br}_2$ , and  $\text{I}_2$ . The cross sections for formation of  $\text{Cs}^+$  are reported in the near-threshold region. The experiment combines an energy resolution better than 0.1 eV (FWHM) with a deconvolution procedure. An electron affinity of 2.50 eV is deduced for all three halogens, in good agreement with previous work. In a separate experiment, with cesium energies from threshold to 350 eV, and with much poorer energy resolution, the intensity ratios  $X^-/X_2^-$  are obtained. The results can be reasonably explained with an electron jump model. At energies below 30 eV, the observed ratios are in agreement with two other investigators, but between 150-350 eV they are drastically different from work reported from a third. Complementary data recently reported by a fourth group are difficult to reconcile with the present results.

## Measurement of electron affinities of $O_3$ , $SO_2$ , and $SO_3$ by collisional ionization

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## Negative gaseous ions from nitric acid\*

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## Negative ions from phosphorus halides due to cesium charge exchange\*

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An experiment has been conducted in which cesium atoms in the kinetic energy range 2–350 eV collide with phosphorus halides. Parent anions and fragments are formed. Molecular energies are obtained from threshold measurements. The electron affinities for  $PCl_3$ ,  $POCl_3$ ,  $PBr_3$ ,  $PCl_2Br$ ,  $PBr_2Cl$ , and  $POCl_2$  are found to be 0.8, 1.4, 1.6, 1.5, 1.6, and 3.8 eV, respectively. The P–X bond energies for  $PCl_3$ ,  $POCl_3$ , and  $PBr_3$  are 3.3, 3.5, and 2.6 eV, respectively.

Another application of these techniques is to a study of the detailed dynamics of a particular process. An analysis of the chemi-ionization of the freons by Cs using simple surprisal theory reveals that the process is direct rather than statistical as described below:

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## Negative ion formation in halocarbons by charge exchange with cesium

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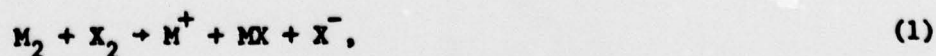
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A crossed molecular beam apparatus is used to study the formation of anions by charge exchange of fast cesium atoms with a variety of halocarbons. The branching ratios are determined from threshold to 350 eV. Comparison of the spectator stripping and information theoretical models to the data leads to the conclusion that this class of reactions is an example of an ultradirect impulsive mechanism. In the most favorable case, that of  $\text{CF}_3\text{I}$ , we have determined the near threshold relative cross sections for the anions  $\text{CF}_3\text{I}^-$ ,  $\text{I}^-$ ,  $\text{CF}_3^-$ , and  $\text{IF}^-$ . From these we determine the electron affinity of  $\text{CF}_3\text{I}^-$  to be  $1.4 \pm 0.2$  eV and the bond dissociation energy of  $\text{CF}_3\text{I}^-$  as  $0.38 \pm 0.1$  eV, which disagrees with values obtained in a previous experiment.

### 3. Chemi-ionization

In addition to the work described above in which ion pairs were formed via the collision of molecules with several electron volts of initial kinetic energy, we also performed measurements in which all the ionization energy was produced by chemical change.

The prototype reaction was that of an alkali dimer with a halogen. A crossed beam apparatus was used to characterize ionic products of thermal energy collisions of alkali dimers  $\text{M}_2$  with homonuclear halogens  $\text{X}_2$  and with  $\text{IBr}$  and  $\text{ICl}$ . All possible alkali-halogen combinations were studied, except  $\text{Rb}_2$  with  $\text{ICl}$  and  $\text{IBr}$ . The predominant reaction path leading to ions was found to be





when these reactions are exoergic. Reaction via the alternative paths



and



was observed when (1) is endoergic.

For  $Li_2$  and  $Na_2$ , path (1) is energetically forbidden (except with  $F_2$ ), but paths (2) and (3) are allowed and were found to occur. Some experiments were done with the scientifically interesting  $UF_6$  (electron affinity=6eV) to establish the technologically interesting reaction  $Cs + UF_6 \rightarrow Cs^+ + UF_6^-$ . These results are described in the papers below:

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## Chemi-ionization in thermal energy collisions of $K_2$ and $Cs_2$ with halogen molecules\*

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## Chemi-ionization reactions of alkali dimers with halogen molecules\*

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A crossed beam apparatus is used to characterize ionic products of thermal energy collisions of alkali dimers  $M_2$  with homonuclear halogens  $X_2$  and with  $IBr$  and  $ICl$ . All possible alkali-halogen combinations were studied, except  $Rb_2$  with  $ICl$  and  $IBr$ . When energetically possible the ionic products are mainly  $M^+$  and  $X^-$ . When this path is closed two alternative paths are observed. These yield  $M_2X^+$  and  $X^-$ , or  $M^+$  and  $MX_2^-$ . The results are discussed in the framework of a mechanism proposed by Lin, Whitehead, and Grice. The binding energy of the triatomic ions is computed with the use of an ionic model.

## Ionization reactions of metal hexafluorides with alkali atoms and dimers<sup>a)</sup>

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Ionization reactions are observed in crossed beams, usually of thermal energy, of alkalis and  $\text{MoF}_6$ ,  $\text{WF}_6$ , and  $\text{UF}_6$ . Previous studies have indicated large electron affinities for these hexafluorides, and this is confirmed here. Ionization at thermal energies proceeds with the alkali dimers  $\text{A}_2$  for the three hexafluorides, but with alkali atoms  $\text{A}$  only for  $\text{UF}_6$ . Several ionization paths are observed, allowing the deduction of molecular energies. A few experiments are done with eV-range beams. Lower limits for the electron affinities are 4.5, 3.3, 4.9, 4.3, and 1.9 eV for  $\text{MoF}_6$ ,  $\text{MoF}_5$ ,  $\text{WF}_6$ ,  $\text{UF}_6$ , and  $\text{UF}_5$ , respectively. Possible mechanisms are discussed.

The results of the measurements performed by alkali atom impact and chemi-ionization with alkali dimers are summarized in Table 1. In many cases these measurements provide new information on these systems.



Table 1. Summary of molecular energetics determined by alkali atom impact and dimer reactions:

Molecule	E.A. (eV)	Dissociation Energy (eV)
MoF <sub>6</sub>	>4.5	
MoF <sub>5</sub>	>3.3	
WF <sub>6</sub>	>4.9	D(WF <sub>5</sub> -F) <5.0
UF <sub>6</sub>	>4.3	
UF <sub>5</sub>	>1.9	
HNO <sub>3</sub>	0.57	D(NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> -H) 1.28 D(NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> -OH) 0.4
PCl <sub>3</sub>	0.8	D(PCl <sub>2</sub> -Cl) 3.3
POCl <sub>3</sub>	1.4	D(POCl <sub>2</sub> -Cl) 3.5
PBr <sub>3</sub>	1.6	D(PBr <sub>2</sub> -Br) 2.6
PCl <sub>2</sub> Br	1.5	
PBr <sub>2</sub> Cl	1.6	
POCl <sub>2</sub>	3.8	
CO <sub>2</sub>	-1.1 > >-2.1	
O <sub>3</sub>	2.14	
SO <sub>2</sub>	1.14	
SO <sub>3</sub>	≥1.70	
Cl <sub>2</sub>	2.5	
Br <sub>2</sub>	2.5	
I <sub>2</sub>	2.5	
CF <sub>3</sub> I	1.4	D(CF <sub>3</sub> -I) 2.05 D(CF <sub>3</sub> -I <sup>-</sup> ) 0.38

C. PERSONNEL SUPPORTED BY GRANT

1) Summer Support for Faculty

The principal investigator, E.W. Rothe, Professor of Engineering and G.P. Reck, Professor of Chemistry have received summer support from this grant. P.K. Rol, Professor of Engineering also worked on this project for a short time in the summer.

2) Post-Doctoral Research Associate

During the entire period of this grant, the research associate was Dr. B.P. Mathur who was supported primarily from this grant. He carried through the difficult portions of the experimental program. He moved to the Georgia Institute of Technology in September, 1978.

3) Graduate Students

Two Ph.D students have been supported by this grant, Mr. Dhruba Sinha and Dr. Gregory Wells. Dr. Wells was granted his degree in June, 1978. The title of his dissertation was "A Molecular Beam Study of Alkali-Halogen Chemi-ionization Reaction Dynamics." Mr. Sinha is now carrying on in the apparatus vacated by Dr. Wells. Mr. Sinha is working toward a degree in Chemical Engineering while Dr. Wells obtained a degree in Chemistry. Wells is now at the University of Utah.

Mr. Kanwal Mahajan worked on this project, primarily doing data analysis of our experiments. He obtained a Masters degree in Chemical Engineering and is now in industry.

Mr. Yoram Hirsch was employed on the project. He is in Electrical Engineering and initially worked for a BS and than as a Masters candidate. His primary contributions were improvement of instrumentation and data handling.

4) Undergraduate Students

In addition to the graduate students, the following undergraduates participated in varied capacities: S. McIntyre, P. Bodner, C. Messner and F. Bean.



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